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Russian Studies



RUSSIAN STUDIES

The Russian Studies programme prepares students for professional and academic careers in Civil Service, Industry Trade and Commerce, External Affairs, and other areas of relationship between Canada and the Soviet Union. A wide variety of courses in Russian language, politics, economics, history, philosophy and geography are taught by specialists who work closely with students in designing programmes which best fit their needs.

THE PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

Irving Smith, B.A. (S.G.W.), M.A., Ph.D. (McGill), History - Coordinator.
Angelika-Tatiana Sidorow, M.A., Ph.D. (Montreal), Russian.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

CEGEP diploma or equivalent.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A) Major Degree

The following courses, in an approved sequence, constitute a major:

Russian N-210

Russian N-241

Russian N-311

History N-341

Geography N-343

12 credits chosen from:

Russian N-351

Russian N-452

Russian N-453

Russian N-454*

Russian N-455*

History N-445

Political Science N-353

Philosophy N-365

Economics N-464*

Economics N-465*

B. Honours Degree

Russian Studies: honours

The following courses constitute an honours programme provided the student maintains the required academic standing: (B average with no failing D's)

Economics N-465*, (prerequisite: Economics N-209* and N-210*, or N-212), N-464*.

Russian N-210
Russian N-241
Russian N-311
History N-341
History N-342
Geography N-343

12 credits chosen from:

Russian N-351
Russian N-452
Russian N-453
Russian N-454*
Russian N-455*
Philosophy N-365
Political Science N-353

DESCRIPTIONS OF CORE COURSES:

INTRODUCTORY COURSE IN RUSSIAN

(Russian N210/3 (011/3, 211/3) - six credits)

Description

A beginner's course in Russian language which is designed in one year to acquaint the student with the pronunciation, main grammatical aspects and basic vocabulary. The emphasis is placed upon learning how to speak, read and write Russian.

(one hour laboratory per week).

Prescribed texts will include:

R.A. Domar, Basic Russian Part I
L. Pargman, Beginner's Russian Reader

Assignments and Grading:

Grammar assignments written and oral, for class work and laboratory will be based on Basic Russian Part I. For reading and conversation purposes Beginning Russ. Reader will be used.

Instructor: Prof. A.T. Sidorow (Day)
Prof. N. Sleskova (Eve.)

INTERMEDIATE COURSE IN RUSSIAN

(Russian N241/3 (012/3, 212/3) - six credits)

Description

This intermediate course consists of complete review of Russian Grammar, advanced translation, composition, reading and conversation. Through reading of short stories and additional material, the student is given the opportunity to get acquainted with Russian culture and literature.

Prescribed Texts will include:

R.A. Domar, Basic Russian Part II
Russian Short Stories: XIX Century, Oxford

Assignments and Gradings:

Grammar assignments written and oral will be based on Basic Russian Part II. For reading and conversation purposes Russian Short Stories will be used.

Prerequisite courses (if any): Russian N210 or equivalent.

Instructor: Prof. A.T. Sidorow (Eve.)

ADVANCED RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND STYLISTICS

(Russian N311/3 (091/3, 411/3) - six credits)

Description

This course is intended to give increased fluency and a firmer command of the language. The emphasis of this course is on stylistics and composition. Through additional reading the students are given an opportunity of acquainting themselves with the various aspects of Russian Civilization. Selected texts will be discussed and analysed in Russian.

Prescribed Texts will include:

B. Johnson, Eyewitness: Selections from Russian Memoirs
Russian Grammar and Syntax

Assignments and Grading:

Written compositions, stylistical analyses of the reading texts, discussion of the texts in Russian.

Prerequisite courses (if any): Russian N241 or permission of the Instructor.

Instructors: Prof. T. Sidorow (Day)
Prof. T. Lorriman (Eve.)

HISTORY OF RUSSIA

History N-341 (441) Section A - 6 credits

Description:

This course, during the first semester, is concerned with the development of Kievan society and its disruption by the Mongol invasions, the growth of the Muscovite state and the emergence of the Russian Empire. Particular attention is paid to agrarian and industrial problems, the birth of political parties and movements in the 19th century.

The second semester deals with the Revolution of 1917 and the development of the new Soviet society. Emphasis is placed on the problems of collectivization, Five-Year Plans, the evolution of Soviet ideology and Soviet foreign policy.

Assignments and Grading:

There are two options: students may either register to do one research paper and a final 3-hour examination, or submit a total of six essays (three in each semester) on a number of selected problems.

Prescribed Texts will include:

Riasonovsky, A History of Russia. There is an additional short required reading list which includes two novels.

Prerequisite: History N210 or permission of the instructor.

Instructor: I. Smith

GEOGRAPHY OF A SELECTED REGION

Geography N-345 (6 credits)

Description:

A study of the interaction between physical zonal patterns and the distribution of population and its activities. Consideration will be given to the evolution of Slavic, Turkic and other ethnic groups, and to the territorial expansion of Russia and the U.S.S.R.

Prescribed Texts will include:

Lydolph, Geography of the Soviet Union
Oxford, Atlas of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe (Oxford University Press)

Assignments and Grading:

Four written class tests and one term paper, each worth 20%.

Prerequisite: Geography N211 or second year standing in an honours or departmental major programme.

Instructor: B. Zaborski
to be associated with Russian Culture and Literature

DESCRIPTIONS OF OPTIONAL COURSES

RUSSIAN DRAMA

(Russian N-453 (423) - 6 credits)

Description:

This course traces the development of Russian drama from the end of the 18th century to the present day. As well in this course will be discussed the main developments of Russian theatre. The works of the following authors will be studied: D. Fonvisin, A. Gribojedov, A. Pushkin, M. Lermontov, N. Gogol, A. Ostrovski, A. Chekov, L. Tolstoi, A. Tolstoy, M. Gorki, L. Leonov.

Prescribed Texts: See Department

Assignments and Grading: To Be Announced

Prerequisite Courses (if any): N241 or permission of the Instructor.

Instructor: G. Adrianov

STUDY OF AN INDIVIDUAL RUSSIAN AUTHOR I

(Russian N454 (454) - 3 credits)

Description:

This year the course will consist of the detailed study of F.M. Dostoevskii.

Prescribed Texts will include:

Works of F.M. Dostoevskii
History of Russian Literature by Ovsjaniko-Kulicovskii and other library holdings.

Assignments and Grading:

Each student will have to write an essay on one of Dostoevskii's works and discuss it in the class. The course is conducted in Russian.

Prerequisite Courses (if any): N241 or equivalent

Instructor: A.T. Sidorow (Evening)

STUDY OF AN INDIVIDUAL RUSSIAN AUTHOR II

(Russian N455 (455) - 3 credits)

Description:

This year the course will consist of the detailed study of A.S. Pushkin.

Prescribed Texts will include:

Works of A.S. Pushkin History of Russian Literature by Ovejaniko-Kulickovski and other library holdings.

Assignments and Gradings:

Each student will have to write an essay on one of the A.S. Pushkin's works and discuss it in the class.

Prerequisite Courses (if any): N241 or equivalent

Instructor: A.T. Sidorow (Evening)

SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN POLITICS

(Political Science N353 (453) - 6 credits)

Description:

A study of the environment and political culture of the Soviet political system' political socialization, communication, and elite recruitment' the structure and functioning of the Communist Party and governmental institutions' policy making and implementation, capabilities of the Soviet political system.

BRIEF OUTLINE:

I. THE SOVIET POLITICAL MILIEU

1. The Tsarist heritage
2. The Bolshevik revolution
3. Marxist-Leninist ideology
4. The Soviet political environment

II. THE FOCUS OF POWER: THE COMMUNIST PARTY

1. The Communist elite
2. Organization of the CPSU
3. Leadership and control
4. Membership

III. INSTRUMENTS OF POWER: GOVERNMENT

- A. 1. Legislature: Central and local organs of state power.
2. Soviet constitutionalism.
- B. 3. The Executive: Central and local organs of state administration.
4. Economic, social and cultural administrative functions.
- C. 5. The Judiciary and Procuratura.
6. The Soviet legal system.

Instructor: T.B.A.

MARXIAN ECONOMICS

(Economics N464 (444) - 3 credits)

Description:

A general survey of Marxian theory; Marx's role and influence, his predecessors and followers. The topics that will be discussed include historical and dialectical materialism, the role of the proletariat in Marxian teaching, Marx and the Socialist International, the evolution of Marxian thought, Marx and the labour movement, the labour theory of value, the theory of economic development and the breakdown of capitalism.

Prerequisite: Economics N211 or N209 and N210 or N212 or N330

Instructor: G. Davidovic

SOVIET ECONOMICS

Economics N-465/4 AA - 3 credits

Prerequisites: Economics N-209 and N-210

Description:

The course examines the evolution of the Soviet economic system and the policy measures adopted by the Soviet leaders after the Revolution to deal with the problems of establishing and consolidating a socialist state. Special attention will be given to Lenin's role in the early phase of the evolution of the Soviet system; the economic and other measures taken during the periods of War-Communism and of the N.E.P. (New Economic Policy), such as the collectivization of farms. Other topics covered in the course are: the nature of economic planning and progress made under Stalin, with emphasis on the development of heavy industry and trends on economic policy in the post-Stalinist and Khruschev regime, and the important reforms and modifications of the Soviet system, introduced in more recent years, under the impact of Liberman's proposals.

SOVIET ECONOMICS (continued)

Texts:

Maurice Dobb, Soviet Economic Development Since 1917

Alec Nove, Soviet Economy

Harry Schwartz, An Introduction to the Soviet Economy

Instructor: G. Davidovic (Evening)

ADVANCED STUDY IN RUSSIAN AND SOVIET HISTORY

History N-445/3 Section A

Description:

This course deals with specific problems in Tsarist and Soviet Russia. In the Pre-Revolutionary period attention will be focussed on the development of serfdom, the emancipation of the peasantry and the nature of the 19th century agrarian crisis. An analysis of Tsarist attempts to industrialize the country will be followed by a survey of revolutionary parties and the solutions they offered to solve Russia's problems. In the Soviet period emphasis will be placed on a discussion of the Revolution of 1917, the problems of economic growth and the changing structure of Soviet society. Lastly, an attempt will be made to examine: 1) the problem of change and continuity in Russian life, and 2) the relevance of the Soviet experience in the modern world.

Assignments:

Each class meeting will consist of a short formal lecture. The remaining period will be devoted to a seminar discussion of specific problems and readings. Students will be judged on the basis of their contributions to the seminar and will also have an option of submitting a series of short papers (8) or of two longer research papers.

Texts:

Reading lists will contain a series of paperbacks that all students are expected to acquire. In addition a number of books and articles will be held on library reserve.

Instructor: I.H. Smith